

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are currently pending in the present application.

The specification has been amended to recite a claim of priority to related International and French patent applications. Support for this amendment is found in the Application Data Sheet as originally filed.

The specification has been amended to replace the previously submitted Sequence Listing with the attached Substitute Sequence Listing. In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants append herewith a printed (pdf.file) copy of a written Substitute Sequence Listing along with a corresponding electronic (txt.file) copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing recorded in computer readable form. Applicants submit that the content of the electronic copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing is identical to the printed copy of the written Substitute Sequence Listing. Applicants further submit that the sequence shown in the electronically filed Substitute Sequence Listing is identical to the sequence contained in this application as originally filed. Support for the sequence listed in the printed, and corresponding electronic, Substitute Sequence Listing is found within the present application as originally filed.

It should be mentioned that the attached Substitute Sequence Listing includes SEQ ID NO: 13 and SEQ ID NO: 14. Support for SEQ ID NO: 13 and SEQ ID NO: 14 is found in the originally filed specification. Specifically, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13, which is the coding sequence for the chimeric protein corresponding to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14, is clearly supported by SEQ ID NO: 5 and Figure 8, which contains the chimeric protein coding sequence from positions 1-3 (ATG start codon) to positions 1831-1833 (TAA stop codon).

It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments to the specification and the submission of the attached Substitute Sequence Listing.

Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, the chimeric protein corresponding to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14. Claims 2, 6 and 7 read on the elected species.

Pursuant to MPEP § 803.02, upon determining that the elected species is allowable, examination should be expanded to include a search of the non-elected species.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits, and early notification thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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